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Marginal Column By SHMUEL LAZARUS

POLITICAL developments have been overshadowed, as they usually do, come interesting recent pronouncements (if that is the correct expression) in Soviet science which should be of some interest to the West. One trend concerns the attempt already begun among some to relate the materialistic materialism to life with the progress of physics during the last fifty years, or rather vice versa. The work done by Planck and Einstein, Bohr and Heisenberg, among many others since the turn of the century had had many results. One of them was the breakdown of the axioms of classical physics on which the Leninist philosophy had been based; space and time as limits of causality, the laws of causality, the definition of matter and, finally, the breakdown of the assumption that no law of nature is beyond human perception and imagination.

TRUE attitude towards the Quantum theory, for instance, has been rather ambivalent, not only in the approach of the Inquisition towards Galileo, on one hand. It was quite properly realized that physical research and experiments could not be stopped, but the red light was switched on the moment the scientists tried to generalize and draw the conclusions from the empirical conclusions from their work. The main difficulty seen by the party philosophers begins once you admit that in the microwave there is no causality (in the traditional sense). This in its turn affects the axioms of determinism, who are of native-born Americans. The average age of the delegates seems to be above 50.

Goldmann Attacks Ben Gurion Letter

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Dr. Nathan Goldmann, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive in New York, tonight publicly attacked Prime Minister Mr. David Ben Gurion, who, he wrote from his side, "is a member of the Zionist General Council this week, expressing the view that a man who did not come to Israel could not be a Jew."

Mr. Goldmann said:

"There are cartels to maintain the price of hydrogen, alcohol, beer, export fruit preserves, woolen goods. The Government had

signed fixed prices for photogravure and cigarettes.

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cerned. Mr. Goldmann told the Knesset yesterday that Zionism was incomparable by most of the definitions at high level. The question became acute when most controls were lifted by the Government in the hope that competition would lower the prices.

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WESTERN acceptance of Moscow's proposal that the Berlin conference be held on January 25th instead of January 4th.

BERLIN expected in a day or two.

PROSPECTS tensely, the position has been recommended with the object of ensuring authoritative French representation at the Conference. Certainly, in view of the fact that the President of France, M. Coty, early in January, must call upon one of the National Assembly's political leaders to form a new Government, it would seem better to postpone the Berlin talks until France can be represented by the Foreign Minister of a Government enjoying the confidence of the Assembly. It may also be true, as the Americans assert, that Moscow's purpose in proposing the later date for the conference is to inject fresh confusion into French politics and so further delay ratification of the E.D.C. treaties by the National Assembly.

In any event, the fact that the Western Powers and Moscow have agreed upon a conference of Foreign Ministers to be held at Berlin in January had come as a hopeful portent for the new year. It would be idle, and might be disillusionary, to expect from the conference any sensational progress towards world agreement. Even agreement on Germany, which will be the main subject of discussion by the Foreign Ministers, seems improbable. It remains a fact that if agreement at the conference is improbable, without such meetings it is, and must continue to be wholly impossible.

The ordinary observer had little to go upon when attempting to guess the likely outcome of the Berlin conference. Has there been a change in Russian policy since the death of Stalin? At the new rulers of the Soviet could be given a workable guarantee against the possibility of future German aggression, would they then be willing to accept the integration of a unified Germany into a Western system? The evidence suggests that whilst Russia might be willing to concede the reunification of Germany in accordance with Western proposals, she would do so only if assured of the neutralization of the unified State. Dr. Adenauer has already declared his policy on that subject: "Neutralization is absolutely unacceptable for us" was his comment after a week-end in Paris at which he is understood to have discussed with Mr. Dulles the whole range of the Berlin conference.

The fear has been expressed in some quarters that, owing to the impossibility of reconciling the Soviet and Anglo-American viewpoints on German rearmament, Russia may try, at Berlin, to widen the rift between France and the other two Western Powers with the object of reanimating the Franco-Soviet agreement. Any such move, which might also bring an up-to-date version of the Little Entente, would cause serious misgivings in Germany itself, where it is still hoped that a return of the Eastern territories now held by Poland can be brought about by negotiation. That hope would have to be given up if Europe were to return to what M. Bidault threatened Mr. Dulles with at the meeting of the NATO Ministers — "old fashioned national defence of bilateral treaties."

Fathers of Berlin will surprise no one but will bitterly disappoint us all. The world has had its fill of bickering and fear. It expects the Governments of the four Powers to approach the Berlin conference with that "honest sincerity" promised it by President Eisenhower, who added that the U.S. would seek to emerge from the talks with "tangible results towards peace."

Danish Jewry Promise Aid

"We — however small our powers and means may be — will do our utmost to contribute to the consolidation of Israel," the Board of Jewish Communities in Denmark said in a letter addressed "to the President" by Mr. K. Borreback, Chairman.

The letter thanked Mr. Borreback for the good wishes he sent for Danish Jewry on the 10th anniversary of their rescue. The Board stated it looks upon Israel as a bulwark against the oppression of Jews.

U.S. Transformed by McCarthyism Black Clouds of Suspicion

By VIRGINIA COOPER

Virginia Cooper, author of "Looking for Trouble" and "The Man," is an American dancer and a ballet who has lived in Europe since just before the war. She writes for British and American newspapers as well as for the English stage in the English Civil War and World War II.

SENATOR McCARTHY'S clash with Mr. Truman, and now with President Eisenhower, is only a mild symptom of what is going on in the United States. A struggle is taking place which transcends personalities and is threatening to divide the country more bitterly and dangerously than at any time since the Civil War. A lot of people think that it was a question of state rights. Now it is a question of the rights of the individual.

I have just spent seven weeks in the United States, and found the atmosphere there not to have been "home" since 1947. It was a startling and painful experience to find the transformation that has taken place in the last six years.

In Washington, D.C., I was astonished to find that people were reluctant to talk on the telephone. "What did you think of Truman's speech?" I would ask innocently; then came the inevitable reply: "Can't we meet and have a cup of coffee?" I learned that dozens of telephone lines are tapped by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, even including the wires of reputable journalists. I talked to a humble Government employee who told me it was not unusual for a whole people in Government service to be afraid to be seen meeting in the mildly Left-wing "New Republic"; that when he bought a copy of the newspaper he was asked to conceal it under his coat. Even though the Communist Party is still technically legal, at least the Communists argue, members can be punished by publicity which will throw them out of their jobs.

HOWER'S DEFINITION

At first glance this action may not sound unreasonable. A true democrat finds it difficult to work up much sympathy for a Communist. But when you ask the question: "What is a Communist?" Is it someone who carries a party card?" Not according to Mr. Edgar J. Hoover, head of the federal Bureau of Investigation who told the Appropriations Committee: "Well, I suppose there are only 54,171 Communists in the party, the fact remains that for every party member there are ten others who follow the party line who are ready, willing and able to do the party's work."

Well then, what is a Communist? The Congressional Committee finally came to the conclusion that Communists must be determined by their utterances, their associations, and their friends. And this as the chairman of the popular Princeton University Law School pointed out at once when he was asked: "Is it someone who carries a party card?"

Significant Signs

What is this intimidation all about?

The first thing to understand is that millions of Americans look upon their arms programs not as a deterrent but as a vital necessity to meet the needs of the world.

Evens on roads stretching through the Ohio prairies you can see signs announcing: "In Case of an Enemy Air Attack This Highway Will be Closed to Civilian Traffic."

These decisions are the cause of the black clouds of suspicion that have now settled over the Middle West. My husband and I talked to many people who not only believed that war was inevitable, but who assured us that the United States had already entered the initial phases — only the shooting was still to come. We were not surprised that they regarded Britain's trade with China, and Mr. Eden's recent statement that British trade with Russia would be expanded as almost treasonable.

True American democrats deplore the "ugly passions" that have been aroused out of all proportion to the danger that exists. But will it be possible for them to win the freedom that is being withheld under the guise of patriotism? The pattern is familiar to Europeans, but the majority of Americans still cannot recognize it for what it is.

Liberal opinion, however, cuts across boundaries, and although it has been slow to organize itself, each day brings powerful new voices to its aid.

Fear of an all-out attack by Russia has been raised to a



SENATOR McCARTHY

Government officials often appeal directly to the public to send in facts dealing with subversive activities. Only a few weeks ago Mr. Hoover, in an article in the "New York Herald Tribune," said: "Our Country is moving forward and give the names of party members of even 18 or 20 years ago, promising them that, if they wished, their information would remain confidential.

My American friends from the more rural districts have gone there and before work could have been started. It seems incredible that Mr. Freedman: "Living Land by the Dead Sea."

Perhaps that article was written in the days when no one could have been affected by the present

— the separatist activities initiated by the senior officials in order to gain their objective, neither their social standing nor their responsibilities as occupiers of the highest posts in the country's administration.

As to the establishment of a

new government in this country

— shown more understanding for the country's difficulties and have not remained away from their posts, though their actions would have been more effective growing by its former occupants.

Yours etc.,

MOSHE BEN ELIYAHU

Jerusalem, December 24.

Readers' Letters

SENIOR OFFICIALS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Mr. — How can you publish a statement as strange as "Ein Godi extorts 100 dollars but not one square meter can be leased, let alone irrigated"? (Herbster Freedman: "Living Land by the Dead Sea.")

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Do your senior officials

know that the

country's difficulties

are not the same as those

of the people, as one could hear.

Yours etc.,

DR. CHANAH OPPENHEIMER

Rishon Le-Zion, December 21.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Godi visited Ein Godi at the beginning of October.

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